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Main Entry: **<sup>1</sup>housing** 

Pronunciation: 'hau-zi [ng]

Function: *noun*

**1 a : SHELTER, LODGING b : dwellings provided for people**

**2 a : a niche for a sculpture b : the space taken out of a structural member (as a timber) to admit the insertion of part of another**

**3 : something that covers or protects: as a : a case or enclosure (as for a mechanical part or an instrument) b : a casing (as an enclosed bearing) in which a shaft revolves c : a support (as a frame) for mechanical parts**

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